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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6317**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 471**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 2, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Electronic Filing of Campaign Finance Reports.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Hershman

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Develop Electronic Filing Standards-* The bill requires the Election Division to develop, and the Election Commission to approve, electronic filing standards for campaign finance reports.

*Filing of Duplicate Reports-* The bill eliminates a requirement that a candidate for legislative office and the candidate's committee file with the county election board of the county in which the candidate resides a duplicate copy of each required report filed with the Election Division.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Develop Electronic Filing Standards-* The Election Division would be able to develop electronic filing standards within their existing level of resources. The Election Commission could approve standards during a normally scheduled business meeting.

**Background-** The Indiana Election Division reverted \$23,000 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Filing of Duplicate Reports-* County election boards would have a savings in staff time for other duties.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Commission; Indiana Election Division.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:** Indiana State Budget Agency: *General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries, June 30, 2008.*

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